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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

- Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

- The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that an extension of term is required. Petition And Fee For Extension of Time is attached hereto.

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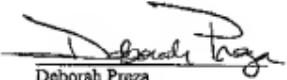
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action and Examiner's Final Action mailed July 21, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired October 21, 2003, and an extended period for response set to expire January 21, 2004, the above-identified patent application is amended as follows:

AMENDMENT AAmendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of preconcentrating trace analytes, comprising the steps of:
~~providing processing a hollow capillary by hydrothermal treatment; having at least one sol-gel extraction medium within said hollow capillary; said sol-gel extraction medium~~